# **DEVELOPMENT FOOD SECURITY ACTIVITIES**

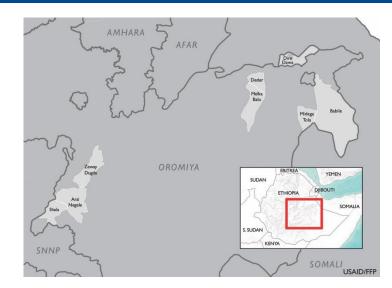
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## **FOOD FOR PEACE CONTRIBUTIONS**

**FY 2018:** \$12.5 million, 11,030 MT **Planned FY 2016-2021:** \$97.1 million, 77,280 MT

#### **PSNP OVERVIEW**

- Since 2005, USAID Office of Food for Peace (FFP) partners in Ethiopia have supported the Government of Ethiopia-led Productive Safety Net Program (PSNP) to address the basic food needs of approximately 8 million chronically foodinsecure people through the predictable transfer of food and cash resources, while supporting the creation of community assets that generate economic benefit to the communities as a whole.
- The PSNP IV, being implemented from 2015-2020, aims to transition from food security activities to a social protection system by integrating safety nets, women's empowerment, gender equity, livelihoods support, and nutrition activities under one system.



• Ethiopia continues its efforts to integrate the PSNP with emergency feeding activities to create a continuum of response—a flexible system that ensures chronically and acutely vulnerable households can maintain their food security in the face of recurrent shocks.

### **PARTNER ACTIVITIES**

- FFP partner Catholic Relief Services (CRS) plans to reach 252,551 people in nine woredas, or districts, through public works activities that build communal assets and reduce food insecurity risks over time, as well as through investments in human capacity such as technical training and livelihood support.
- CRS will work closely with communities and in partnership with local governments to expand livelihood opportunities, address priority health and nutrition concerns, and create the foundation for households to graduate from the PSNP.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- CRS sub-partner Mercy Corps is implementing a pilot of mobile-based cash transfers to 74,000 people in three woredas.
   The pilot program will help government-run cash transfers in the same geographic area to be more effective and efficient by generating local evidence on best practices.
- As part of the DFSA, CRS sponsors school Gender Clubs, which bring together female and male students to spread awareness on multiple gender-related issues, such as genderbased violence, early marriage and the impacts of gender norms and roles. The Gender Clubs also empower youth to be leaders and encourage boys to respect their female classmates' educational aspirations.



**GOAL:** Build resilience to shocks, enhance livelihoods, and improve food security and nutrition for rural households vulnerable to food insecurity

**Purpose 1:** Government of Ethiopia and community systems respond to reduce communities' and households' vulnerability to shocks

Purpose 2: Households improve their sustainable livelihoods and economic well-being

Purpose 3: Pregnant and lactating women and children under 5 have improved nutritional status